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A member of the Lawrence University Board of Trustees is among several individuals President Barack Obama has announced as nominees to key administration posts.



Bill Baer '72

Bill Baer, a member of Lawrence's Board of Trustees since 2001, has been nominated for Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice.

A 1972 Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Lawrence, Baer is the chair of the Antitrust Practice Group at Arnold & Porter LLP in Washington, D.C. He joined the firm in 1980 and was named a partner in 1983.

In his practice, Baer represents a broad range of companies in U.S. and international cartel investigations, mergers and acquisition reviews and in antitrust litigation. He began his legal career in 1975 as a trial attorney for the Bureau of Consumer Protection at the Federal Trade Commission and later spent four years (1995-

1999) as the FTC's director for the Bureau of Competition.

After graduating with a bachelor's degree in government from Lawrence, Baer earned a law degree from Stanford Law School.